

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 368, 3/5/2015; SJ 13, 3/5/2015

EXHIBIT(feh50a01)

00:00:02 Chairman Lang
00:01:03 Rep. Lynch entered

HEARING ON SJ 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:55 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SJ 13, Joint resolution supporting coal.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:29 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

EXHIBIT(feh50a02)

EXHIBIT(feh50a03)

EXHIBIT(feh50a04)

00:13:08 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

EXHIBIT(feh50a05)

00:17:27 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)
00:17:58 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
00:18:48 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy (NWE)
00:19:37 JD Lynch, Montana Building and Construction Trades
00:20:46 Chris Cavazos, Montana State AFL-CIO
00:21:12 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce
00:22:29 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT(feh50a06)

00:23:51 Bob Gilbert, Dawson County, Rosebud County, Phillips County, Musselshell County and the City of Glendive
00:24:51 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU)
00:26:25 Todd O'Hair, Cloud Peak Energy
00:28:12 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)
00:28:43 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties (GNP)
00:29:36 Rep. Custer entered the hearing

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:21 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh50a07)

00:40:12 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:14 Rep. Person
00:44:13 Sen. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:19 Sen. Ankney

HEARING ON SB 368

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:42 Sen. Matthew Rosendale (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 368, Require certain pipeline information be publicly available.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:50 Bonnie Lovelace, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:57:29 Gary Forrester, WBI Energy
00:58:00 Jake Brown, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)
00:58:38 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:59:09 Glenn Oppe, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
00:59:20 Melissa Lewis, One Oak
01:00:10 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)
01:00:20 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
01:01:01 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
01:01:32 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
01:02:13 Robyn Yancey, Northern Plains Research Council (NPRC)
01:02:40 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MVC)
01:03:01 Bob Gilbert, Dawson County, Rosebud County, Phillips County, Musselshell County, the City of Glendive and Walleye Unlimited

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:09 Rep. Zolnikov
01:04:23 Bonnie Lovelace, DEQ
01:05:16 Rep. Moore
01:05:41 Sen. Rosendale
01:06:17 Chairman Lang
01:06:43 Bonnie Lovelace, DEQ
01:06:52 Chairman Lang
01:07:08 Bonnie Lovelace, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:40 Sen. Rosendale

01:08:01 Chairman Lang
01:08:13 Sen. Rosendale
01:08:20 Rep. Berry
01:08:37 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:09:39

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh50aad.pdf](#))